

REMARKS

Interview request

Applicants respectfully request a telephonic interview after the Examiner has reviewed the instant response and amendment. Applicants request the Examiner call Applicants' representative at (858) 720-5133.

Status of the Claims*Pending claims*

Claims 31, 34, 35, 114, 115, 132 to 154 and 189 to 215 are pending. These claims have been examined to the extent they are drawn to the elected species SEQ ID NO:2 and self-assembly as a way of polymerizing.

Support for the Claim Amendments

The specification sets forth an extensive description of the invention in the new and amended claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the instant amendment.

Group Restriction Requirements

The Office alleged that the pending claims of the application are directed to six (VI) separate and distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121, as set forth in detail on pages 2 to 3 of the OA.

The Elections

Group election: In response to the Group Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, including, inter alia, pending claims 31, 34, 114, 115, 132 to 154, 189 to 206, 214 and 215, drawn to, inter alia, methods of producing polymers of conjugates of monomeric and non-monomeric polypeptides.



CONCLUSION

It is believed that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

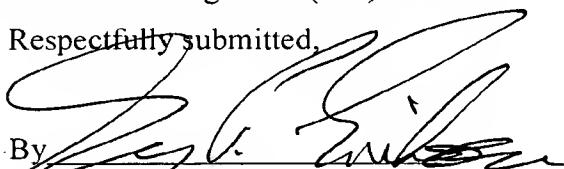
The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. **564462010900**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

As noted above, Applicants have requested a telephone conference with the undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of this application. After the Examiner has reviewed the instant response and amendment, please telephone the undersigned at (858) 720-5133.

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Respectfully submitted,

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